

In re application of:

Wildmann, et al.

Serial No.: 09/831,483

Filed: 9 May 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HANDLING  
SHEETMETAL WORKPIECES TO BE WELDED

BOX AMENDMENT  
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Docket No.: 2821-205 <sup>WOUS</sup> PATENT  
Date: 25 March 2003

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X\$ 42=	\$
X\$ 140=	\$
	\$
	\$
Total	\$

OR

Large Entity

RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X\$ 18=	\$126
X\$ 84=	\$168
X\$ 280=	\$
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Or Total	\$294

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- ☒ Applicant petitions the Commissioner for a 3 month(s) extension of time to respond, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).
- X A check in the amount of \$ 1224.00 is attached in payment of the 3 month extension of time and excess claim fees.
- X Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-0235 for any over or under payment of filing fees under 37 CFR §1.16 for presentation of extra claims, or patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: : Docket No. 2821-205WOUS  
Daniel Wildmann et al. : Date: March 25, 2003  
Serial No.: 09/831,483 : Art Unit: 1725  
Filing Date: May 9, 2001 : Examiner: A. Elve  
TITLE: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HANDLING SHEETMETAL  
WORKPIECES TO BE WELDED

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Box Fee Amendment

RESPONSE, AMENDMENT AND  
PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action of 10/01/02, applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks. The period of response for the 10/1/02 Office Action expired on 1/1/03. Applicant therefore respectfully requests a three-month extension be granted, the fee for which is provided herewith.

In the present application claims 11-35 are currently pending. None are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 11, 23-28 and 30-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,217,155 ("Kitahama") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,290,990 ("Bischofberger"). Claims 12-22, 29, 34, and 35 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but will be allowed if rewritten in independent form where appropriate.

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